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WEATHER.

For this section cloudy tonight and tomorrow warmer.

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SHIPYARD PROPOSITION

It is Expected That The Enterprise Will be Carried Out as Previously Outlined But no Papers Yet Filed Showing Purchase of Site is Completed.

In answer to the many inquiries made concerning the shipyard enterprise which it is expected will be located in Alexandria, the Gazette has to say: It has refrained from making any statements relative to it during the past few days, owing to the fact that the negotiations were not completed.

Information obtained at the office of the Clerk of the Corporation court in this city today, reveals the fact that no papers have as yet been filed there showing that the deal for the land is an accomplished fact. But that, in itself, however, does not mean that such papers may not soon be filed. In fact, it is stated by those in a position to know, that it is believed there is no doubt but that the proposition will be carried out as expected and that a statement to that effect can be made very soon.

The Gazette has taken the position it has regarding the matter in order not to mislead the residents of the city in any way whatsoever, having published only such facts relating to the subject as they have actually occurred and could safely be given to the public. As soon as the papers have been filed an announcement to that effect will at once be published

GERMANY'S DESPERATION.

Peace By Sword The Plan of The Kaiser—Says Chancellor.

London, Dec. 19.—Since Germany's peace feelers have failed to get a response, Chancellor Von Hertling has issued a statement declaring that the only course for Germany to pursue is to seek peace by the sword Germany's course in the west is now clear, he says, since peace parleys with Great Britain are out of the question.

The German chancellor holds Premier Lloyd George responsible, declaring that "the British government under Lloyd George's leadership is completely inaccessible to the idea of a just peace by understanding."

Referring to the British premier's speech, in which he said he would regard peace overtures with Prussia at the moment the Prussian military spirit was drunk with boastfulness as a betrayal of the trust imposed in him by the people, Chancellor Von Hertling said:

"It is not Lloyd George who is judge of the world, but history. As on August 2, 1914, so also today we may look forward to its verdict with equanimity."

FOE OF KAISER GONE.

Wife Fears Editor Was Kidnapped From Holland.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—The socialist newspaper Tribune reports the mysterious disappearance of Carl Minister, editor of the German revolutionary socialist paper Kampf which is published in Amsterdam. He left last Tuesday for southern Holland, and has not been seen since. The Tribune says Minister is an American citizen.

He is said to have been naturalized in the United States in 1905, returning to Solingen, Germany, in 1912. At the outbreak of the war, his claims to American citizenship not availing him, he fled to Amsterdam to avoid being drafted into the army.

In his newspaper, Minister has been systematically attacking the German government and his wife fears, as he is known to have been in touch with German deserters, that he may have been kidnapped by the Germans.

Read These Prices.

Patapsco flour, $11.75 barrel. Twelve pound sack, 75c. Star hams, 32 cents. Country butter, 50 cents. Six packages spachetti 25 cents. J. E. Purcell, 117 South Henry street, Alexandria. Phone 567 W. 301-3t.

Holly boxes, at Elliott's; 5 cents to 35 cents. 300-3t.

ALL ACTIVELY AT WORK

Committees of Ladies Making Earnest Effort to Enroll New Members For Red Cross in This City.

It will not be the fault of the ladies who are on the various committees soliciting new members for the Red Cross in Alexandria if the desired number is not obtained. Just how many have been secured to date is not known, but suffice it to say that no effort is being spared to call upon every person in the city and that it is hoped that the three thousand new names will be added to the rolls of the organization before the campaign closes.

This afternoon the Boy Scouts will enlist in the work and will have transparencies on the streets of the city and do all in their power to aid in the good cause.

Bishop William Lawrence who has taken an earnest interest in the Red Cross, has the following to say regarding it:

A Word to Men.

A well known New York city man is just dropping his business, which has brought him in $200,000 a year, to go to Europe for the Red Cross: no salary. "He does not talk about it; why do you mention it?" you ask. "Lots of men are doing the same thing. Some men are giving up bigger incomes, and thousands of mechanics and laboring men are dropping their wages and enlisting in the Army and Navy."

I mention it in order that every man in the country may feel that he is on call when his country wants him. Soldiers and sailors are ready to give their lives. All honor to them. The time, money and life of every citizen belongs to his nation. All honor, therefore, to those citizens who consecrate their time, and life in all sorts of war interests at home and abroad. Through the Red Cross opportunities of service are given to thousands of men who without the Red Cross would not know where to put their time and energies in the country's service.

A word to Women.

What an anxious, restless and unhappy mass the women of this country would be if they did not have some definite work to do for the boys and men in the camps and trenches and hospitals! In every village, town and city groups of women are gathered together making bandages for the soldiers. Out upon the farms and plains lonely women are knitting sweaters and mufflers. As their fingers work, their minds move also, with the thought of what they are doing for those who are fighting to defend their homes. No one can calculate the steadiness and sincerity which the Red Cross work gives to millions of women.

A Word to the Boys and Girls.

Whether you are at school or at work, you can do something for the soldier and sailor and the Red Cross. You can save your pennies and nickels up to one dollar, and become a member of the Red Cross. Lots of you can make it five dollars. You can go after the men and women of the town and get them to join the Red Cross.

In passing twenty people in the street today, you pass one Red Cross member. When you have lifted the membership from five million to fifteen million, you will meet one Red Cross member in every seven people that you pass. Why not make it five? One out of every five people in the country, men, women and children, Red Cross members. Twenty millions of members will do it. Why not try?

Colored People Working.

Officials of the American Red Cross are not confining their labors entirely to the white people of the United States. Colored workers are actively engaged among their own people in arousing interest in the organization of auxiliaries, which are looked forward to as of immense benefit to the work of the Red Cross.

One of the most prominent of these volunteer workers is Mary McLeod Bethune, of Daytona, Fla., founder and principal of the Daytona Industrial School for Girls, which institution was begun by her with $1.50 and is now being conducted on a yearly budget of $18,000. She has spent several weeks in the Potomac Division at the request of its officials, telling the colored people at mass meeting of the needs of forming Red Cross auxiliaries by them and doing effective work in Red Cross endeavor.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Elmer J. McIntosh, of this city, left today for Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where he will attend the school of Military Aeronautics for the Signal Corps of the United States Army.

A deed was filed in the office of the Corporation clerk in this city today transferring a house and lot located on the south side of Pendelton street, between Washington and Columbus streets, from David E. Bayliss to John G. Graham and Kenneth W. Ogden.

The larger part of the soldiers encamped on the old St. Asaph race track grounds since June last have broken camp and left for a point further north. All the horses and quite a number of the men were left behind to care for the animals which are to be sent later. It is stated by people residing in the vicinity that between two and three hundred of the horses first brought to the camp died during the summer from various causes.

The local branch of the Salvation Army is much gratified over a recent telegram sent by President Wilson to Commander Evangeline Booth in New York city regarding the work which the army is doing and has requested the Gazette to publish it. The telegram is as follows: "My dear Miss Booth: You may be sure that your telegram of November fifteenth warmed my heart and brought me very real cheer and encouragement. It is a message of just the sort one needs in these trying times, and I hope that you will express to your associates my profound appreciation and my entire confidence in their loyalty, their patriotism and their enthusiasm for the great work they are doing. Cordially and sincerely yours, Woodrow Wilson."

The funeral services for Mrs. John J. Nugent were held this morning at 9:30 from St. Mary's Catholic church, Rev. Louis Smet officiating.

The steamer Eric IId, which has been unloading a cargo at the docks of the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company's plant, which it brought up from Boca Grande, Florida, will sail tomorrow for Baltimore to load for another port.

Mrs. Hellwege, of the local branch of the Salvation Army requests the Gazette to ask the people to let her know of any poor children in the city who may be in need of shoes, stockings or clothing, or of those to whom a Christmas basket dinner should be given.

Miss Hattie V. Selectman, aged 41, formerly of Occoquan, Va., died at the Sibley hospital in Washington this morning. Her funeral will be held from Demaine's Chapel in this city at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and the body will be taken to Occoquan for burial.

The cold wave of the last few days has broken and warmer weather is predicted for today and tomorrow. Cloudy tonight and Thursday, warmer tonight, light variable winds is the forecast of the Weather Bureau today for this section.

The Alexandria city and county draft board are busily engaged in mailing out the Questionnaires to the men liable to be drafted. Five per cent, or 115, copies have been sent out each day since Saturday last, December 15th. Approximately 2,300 in all will go out before the task is completed. Seven days are allowed for the receivers to fill them out and return them to the draft board.

The annual election of officers will take place tomorrow night at the regular communication of Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge.

Mary A. M'Cracken, widow of James E. M'Cracken, died in Washington yesterday. The deceased was a former resident of Alexandria. She was in the 80th year of her age.

Arthur Padgett, formerly of Company G, Alexandria Light Infantry, has been promoted to Motor Truck Company No. 2, at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama.

The funeral of Mrs. Agnes W. Adam, a former resident of Alexandria, whose death occurred in Washington, was held today at 11 o'clock from the home of Mrs. Joseph Gates, 410 Prince street, the Rev. Edgar Carpenter of Grace church, officiating.

Richard M. Green Jr., of this city, who enlisted in the Ordnance department of the United States army and was assigned to Fort Dodge, Iowa, has been transferred to Watervliet, N. Y. Word has been received by his people here that he arrived in New York city and left for his new post of duty last night.

The election of Reliance Steam Fire Engine company held last night resulted as follows: L. E. Uhler, president; J. S. Douglas, first vice-president; C. J. Mueller, second vice-president; W. E. Bowles, secretary; A. R. Fair, treasurer; A. T. Sullivan, captain; J. H. McGowan, first lieutenant; Chas. Humphries, second lieutenat; Chas. Entwistle, commander of hose; Frank Howard, recorder. The company recommended the appointment of Kenneth W. Ogden as chief of the department. The new officers will not assume their positions until January first.

HOUSE WAS SET ON FIRE.

Two Former Employes of Rockefeller Suspected.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Developments that unfolded rapidly under the scrutiny of the Ohio fire marshal's department caused Tom Doren, chief inspector for the State, to announce last night the following conclusions:

The finding of two empty 5-gallon oil cans near the ruins of Forest Hill, the once palatial summer home of John D. Rockefeller, established that the fire which destroyed the structure early yesterday morning was of incendiary origin.

Two discharged employees of the estate will be arrested if they can be found.

"Evidence disclosed in the investigation has convinced me that the fire was started by two former employes who were disgruntled because they were discharged from the estate," said Doren.

"My inspectors have been able to establish that the two men were not at their homes shortly before the flames were discovered. On the contrary, evidence has been obtained that these men were actually on the premises two hours before the fire started. The men live in "Little Italy," an Italian district on the East Side."

ATTACK ON LONDON.

Two German Airplanes Lost in the Raid.

London, Dec. 19.—A German raiding squadron of from sixteen to twenty enemy machines which dropped bombs over Kent, Essex, and London last night, British defense air craft accounted for, one and possibly two, Lord French announced today.

One German raider was downed over the Kentish coast. The other was believed to have been brought down over the channel.

One British airman rose to a height of 13,000 feet over London to empty five drums of machine-gun ammunition over a raider as he was loosing his bombs.

Early reports today indicated that heavy casualties marked the raid.

We are open evenings. Elliott's, 604 King street. 300-2t.

20 per cent discount on Erector building model outfits. Elliott's, 300-3t.

POLICEMAN HID IN BAG.

Tennessee Negro is Startled When Minion of the Law Appears.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 19.—For many years John Thomas, colored, never bought any meat or flour. He worked at a wholesale house.

Whenever the family larder got low, John would fasten a sack of flour and a ham to the end of a rope, lower it into the elevator shaft and after everybody else had left the building, haul it up and carry it away.

One day John thought the load was uncommonly heavy. He was certain of it when he opened the bag. A policeman stepped out and a little later John occupied a seat in the patrol wagon.

WILL NOT ASK PEACE.

Ceretti Denies Pope Plans an Appeal at Christmas.

New York, Dec. 19.—A copyrighted cable from Rome to the New York world says in part: Mgr. Ceretti, papal undersecretary of state, Archbishop of Corinth and formerly attached to the staff of the papal delegate at Washington, made this statement to the World today:

"The report circulated by some unscrupulous journalists to the effect that the holy father meditates a Christmas peace note to the neutrals is absolutely false. The holy father has not the least intention of issuing any appeal whatever for peace at this juncture."

$185,0000 FOR JERUSALEM.

State Department Sends Sum for Relief Regardless of Creed.

The State Department yesterday telegraphed to American Consul General Garrett, at Alexandria, Egypt, $185,000 for relief of the 100,000 sufferers at Jerusalem in want of food and other supplies.

Consul General Garrett was directed to proceed immediately to Jerusalem to take charge of the distribution of this fund and the supplies. The money was collected by a Jewish organization, but the supplies are to be distributed among the sufferers without regard to race.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Royal and Wilkes street, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, December 31, at 9 a. m. By order of President.

A. S. Mankin, Secretary.
302-10t.

AMERICANS SAVED.

Announce Rescue by U-boat of Two From Jacob Jones.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—Two sailors were saved by the Germans from the American destroyer Jacob Jones, according to an official German announcement received here yesterday.

The Jacob Jones was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone on December 6 and 65 men on board were listed as missing. Survivors reported that one American, who spoke German, was taken away a prisoner on the submarine.

ASKS $300,000 HEART BALM.

Young Woman Says Rich Cuban Landowner Has Wife in Spain.

New York, Dec. 19.—Mercedes Bazan, 30, yesterday started a $300,000 breach of promise suit against Miguel Perez, 70, a wealthy Cuban landowner, who is stopping at the Hotel Claridge.

She claims he promised her $1,000 a month for life when, after his promise to marry her, she discovered he had a wife in Spain. Perez denied he made such a promise in writing.

FIRE IMPERILS SOLDIERS.

Flames in Columbus K. of C. Hall, in Which 400 Are Quartered.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Fire broke out early this morning in Knights of Columbus Hall, State and Sixth streets, in which 400 soldiers were quartered.

All the soldiers are believed to have escaped.

The allied governments will not recognize any Russian government dominated by Lenine and Trotzky. This statement has been definitely made to the United States. The allies have positive evidence that Lenine and Trotzky are German agents. The attitude of the United States on the Bolsheviki government is awaited by the allies with supreme interest. These facts are from athoritative allied diplomatic source. The allies consider that the decision of the United States with regard to Russia at this junction involves the solidity of the entente. No hint of what President Wilson will do has escaped from the administration.

All wagons, velocipedes, doll cabs, etc., are shown on the second floor at Elliott's. 300-3t.

FIGHTING IN ODESSA

Ukrainian and Bolsheviki Troops Battling in Streets, Latter Using Machine Guns.

Odessa, via London, Dec. 19.—Ukrainian troops, fighting for independence, and Bolsheviki guards are fighting in the streets here today.

The opera house, headquarters of the Ukrainians, has been equipped with machine guns, which have been turned on the Bolsheviki. The latter are replying with rifle fire.

A Kief dispatch says that the Maximalist units there were disarmed and the Ukrainian troops seized seventy-two cannon, machine guns and 5,000,000 cartridges.

It is stated in other advices that the Russian government commissioners are drafting an ultimatum addressed to the Ukraine rada, recognizing the independence of the Ukraine, but demanding an immediate expression of the rada's attitude toward the Bolsheviki authorities.

The rada had issued a statement declining to recognize the people's commissioners as comprising the government of all Russia, inasmuch as the Don, the Caucasus, Siberia, and other parts of Russia have their own governments.

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—Leon Trotzky, Bolsheviki foreign minister, was unable to attend the peace conference yesterday with Count Czernin and Dr. Von Kuehlmann, Austrian and German foreign ministers, but sent a message to the effect that the Bolsheviki government will not consider a peace thta includes annexations or contributions.

No official announcement has been received of the result of the conference.

The conferences are being held at Brest-Litovsk. It is said here today that Trotzky may later attend the sessions in person and seek an understanding with the foreign ministers of the central powers.

CHINESE SEER HAS VISION.

Says Young American General Will Startle the World.

New York, Dec. 19.—The war will end in September, 1918, after an American general has done "wonderful things" on the French front, according to a Chinese prediction just received here.

Parish-Watson and Co., Chinese art importers, 560 Fifth avenue, received a large "Tang" jar, valed at $5,000, last week. The jar was made about 1,000 years ago. When it was unpacked, a piece of blue paper was fond at the bottom, upon which were for rows of Chinese characters which, when translated, read:

"Some day one American young and famous general will achieve wonderful things in the front of France, and this great world war will be ended in September, 1918.

It is supposed the prediction was made by some Chinese "scholar" or philosopher, and was placed in the jar before it was packed for shipment at Honkow, China, last summer.

ANTI-AMERICAN PLOT.

Apparent Attempt to Assassinate California Governor.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 19.—An anti-American plot was generally blamed for the apparent attempt to assassinate Gov. William D. Stephens and his wife as they slept in the executive mansion Monday night, when an explosion partly wrecked the mansion and damaged property for blocks around.

With the police admittedly at a loss for clews, the attorney general's office undertook an independent investigation. Attorney General Webb summoned L. J. Forralt, Federal explosives expert from San Francisco and it was announced he would direct an attempt to trace the perpetrators of the outrage through the explosion itself. Officials are convinced that the blast was the work of novices.

It is believed seasoned dynamiters would have placed the charge further inside the building. Had that been done it is more than likely both Gov. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens would have been killed.

Don't forget the Oyster Roast in Lyceum Hall tonight. 302-1t.

Boys' and girls' gift books 10 cents to 35 cents each. Elliott's. 300-2t.

WAR AND RAILROADS

Some Facts Concerning Gigantic Tasks That Have Confronted the Railroads in Recent Past.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19.—Among many other things, this has been called a "railroad war." The railroads have been in the public eye from so many points of view in the recent past that the Council of Defense deems it opportune to bring to public notice an aspect that the average person has not perhaps considered. The council authorized a statement today on this subject, as follows:

"America's peparation for such a war as this has had to do with a greater railroad mileage than that of the entire continent of Europe, and a railroad army of 1,750,000 employees. Already the railroads, mobilized under their War Board at Washington, have won some important victories.

"Up to November 12, the number of carloads of construction materials and furnishings brought into the National Army cantonments was 79,184. To the same date building supplies used in the Guard camps amounted to 32,370 carloads and 9,649 carloads had been shipped into the Aviation camps.

"A standard box car of 100,000 pounds capacity is forty feet and six inches long. If all the cars carrying material for these three classes of camps could be coupled together, the train that would result would extend from New York to Chicago and on out to Evanston, Illinois.

"That is a long train. It represents a great burden added on to the task accomplished by the railroads in the record-breaking year of 1916. But the carrying of construction materials to the cantonments is only a small part of the total increase in traffic for 1917.

"After the camps had been built, the railroads had to move the men into them. They have also had to carry to the Atlantic seaboard, from all parts of the country, the men who have gone to France. Up to November 19 they had carried a total of 1,300,000 soldiers to camps and ports of embarkation.

"And after the men have been moved, the railroads have to carry supplies to them. Every day 2,500 carloads of food and coal are being hauled to the National Guard and National Army camps alone.

"Up to November 12, a total of 17,000 carloads of freight had been hauled for the Shipping Board. This figure represents a part of the traffic involved by the building of 110 new ships. An enormously greater number of cars have rolled down to the Atlantic and Gulf ports loaded with supplies and munitions for ships already built to carry to France and England and Italy.

"All modern military and commercial activity is based on coal and oil—but especially on coal. No figures reveal more clearly the extent of the increased effort put forth in the last half year by America generally and by the railroads in particular than the figures on the coal traffic.

"In the six months from May to October, inclusive, there were moved 150,000 more carloads of hard coal than in the same months of 1916, and 751,000 more carloads of soft coal. Figuring an average coal car on a length of 33 feet, the total increase for half of 1917 over the corresponding half of 1916 may be represented by a solid trainload of coal extending from New York, through New Orleans, to Los Angeles and on up the Coast to Seattle, and East again to a point in Montana. 30 miles east of Butte.

"The day is past when it was the good citizen's duty to fight the railroads. The railroads are doing their best on a tremendous job. The citizen can do part of his bit by helping them in any way that he can."

WANTED—An assistant bookkeeper. Young lady preferred. State experience, if any. Address in your own handwriting, Box 67 Gazette office. 297-6t

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VIRGINIA'S "THIRD ESTATE."

The main issue which precipitated the French revolution was the fact that one class of people paid all the taxes. The victims of autocracy and feudalism were termed the "Third Estate"—that is the producers. While we do not anticipate any overt acts in the Old Dominion, it is a well-known fact that cities in Virginia bear more of the taxation than is equitable, and some countries draw yearly more from the treasury than they contribute towards defraying the expenses of the State. According to figures published in a Richmond paper eighty-six counties receive $1,375,529.61 more than they pay into the state treasury.

Halifax county last year drew from the state treasury $49,819.15 more than it paid. All the cities save Danville (shy $14,973.82), paid a total of $2,338,433.69 more than they received from the state. Richmond city paid $924,177.70 more than she received from the state. Eighty-six counties were beneficiaries of the state to the extent of $1,375,529.61 more than they paid. Fourteen counties paid a total of $175,245.27 more than they had returned to them by the state. These fourteen counties are Albemarle, Alexandria, Alleghany, Bath, Campbell, Clarke, Elizabeth City, Greensville, Loudoun, Norfolk, Prince George, Rappahannock, Warwick and Wise. Every other county in the state is in the "pauper" class. Richmond, Norfolk and Lynchburg paid $1,501,882.30 more than they received, more than offsetting the drain of eighty-six counties, and of the excess the city of Richmond paid $924,177.70.

TRUTH FROM VON TIRPITZ.

"Up to the present in this war Great Britain has won, rather than lost," said Grand Admiral von Tirpitz to the Hamburg branch of the Fatherland party.

As an exchange says that may be news in Germany, but nowhere else. Germany has failed everywhere, except against Russia and Rumania, and it is losing fast.

Germany's first aim was to take Paris. It was beaten on the Marne, and forced to retreat to the Aisne.

Its second aim was to secure the south side of the British Channel. The first and second battles of Ypres were designed to break through the British lines to the Channel, and both failed. In the summer of 1916 the French and British took the offensive and have kept it ever since, and though the Germans have made a few small local gains, all considerable movements for a year and a half have been retreats by Germans and advances by the Allies.

A third aim of the Germans was to conquer Egypt and hold the Suez Canal. This they were plotting for 20 years before the war. They have failed to get to the canal, or to stop an Anglo-Egyptian army from advancing into Syria.

The Hamburg-to-the-Persian-Gulf route was one of the most treasured dreams of Kaiser and people. The British have had Bagdad for months, and are advancing up the Tigris.

An incidental purpose of the Germans, with the Crown Prince at their head, was to capture Verdun. Is there any one, even in Germany, who expects that to be attained?

Another incidental aim of Germany was to starve England by means of submarines. The boot is on the other foot. German foreign commerce has been entirely cut off, except for fragments that dribble through Sweden and Holland. England is importing food and munitions freely.

Prince Max, president of the Baden Upper Chamber, ventures to drop a little truth into the German mind. He told the Baden Diet: "Our sword will never be able alone to tear down the opposition to us." What will the Germans think of that, after being told of their invincible army, and the assurance of its conquests?

TRUTH AND FICTION.

One of the most thrilling experiences of Baron Munchausen was when he was fired from a huge cannon in a British fortification. The Baron had thoughtlessly crawled into the cannon for the purpose of taking a nap. He was unaware of the fact that the gun was loaded and that the next day was the anniversary of the queen's birth, and that a salute would be fired at daybreak. The cannon was discharged while the Baron was in the arms of Morpheus, and his description of passing through the air at a fearful velocity and landing unharmed is thrilling.

The greatest miracle of the destruction of Halifax was the escape of Third Officer Mayers of the steamship Middleton Castle, which lay about 200 yards from the Mont Blanc when her cargo of T. N. T. blew up.

This is Mayer's story:

"I had just come on the deck of the Middleton Castle fully decided to take a boat to go ashore on business when I noticed flames on the deck of the Mont Blanc and in quick time there followed the explosion. From that moment on till what seems now like days afterward, I do not know what really happened except that I landed practically unhurt, well up on Fort Needham hill, a distance of half a mile away. Though fully dressed when lifted from the deck I was stark naked when I was dropped on the shore. It all seems like a horrible nightmare now. I seem to remember being lifted by the terrible shock a tremendous height into the air. I thought at the time that I was being driven through water and I tried hard to check my progress. This struggle at the time seemed to go on for hours. I must have become unconscious, finally. At any rate just how I landed I cannot tell you. I can remember suddenly waking up in a pile of snow with not a stitch of clothing on. Fortunately I had no bones broken, but I could not move. However, after a short time a relief party came along and picked me up."

MONK'S WEIRD PROPHECY.

The question is often propounded, when will this cruel war be over? This query has set many would-be wiseacres at work. Some say it is about to burn out, a few of the more optimistic preferring to believe that peace bells will mingle their sound with those of Christmas of 1917. If that is a fact, it is about time preparations were in evidence, as by this time next week Christmas will be as far away as ever. Others say it will take several years more in which to decide this great struggle. A small number believe the decisive battle will be fought next spring, and a still smaller corporal's guard say this winter will end the struggle.

It will be gratifying to all to know that it will end with the advent of the new year, that is if the "prophecy" of a monk, uttered in 170. shall have been fulfilled.

While razing the old Monastery of the Holy Ghost in Wismar, Mecklenberg, two months ago, an old Bible was found which contained a remarkable prophecy regarding the present world war. It was written in 1701 by one of the monks on parchment that is now yellow with age. It is on exhibition in a glass case in the city hall of Wismar.

This prophecy not only gives the cause of the war, but also indicates the countries engaged including the United States. It does not exactly state that Germany will be victorious but indicates how long the war will last, when the decisive battle will be fought, and where and when peace will come, and adds that Germany will continue to exist as a power for many years. A time will come in Europe according to the "seer," when malignity and hatred will rule. It will be at a time when the papal seat will be vacant, and the conflagration will come as the result of the murder of a prince. Seven nations will rise against the eagle with one head and the eagle with two heads.

These birds will defend themselves furiously and viciously with their talons, and their wings will protect their peoples. A prince from their very midst, a sovereign who mounts his horse from the wrong side, (referring to the Kaiser's useless arm) will be encompassed by a wall of enemies. His slogan will be 'Onward with God!' The Almighty God will lead him from victory to victory, and many will meet their death.

There will be wagons without horses, and fiery dragons will fly through the air dropping fire and sulphur and destroying cities and villages. The people will turn to God. Their terrible war will last three years and five months. The time will come when food can neither be sold nor bought, and bread will be carefully distributed. The seas will be tinged with blood and men will lie in wait under the waves for their prey.

Peace will be consummated by the prince in time for the Christmas mass.

Following the war the world will be united in one great brotherhood.

OPPOSE SEPARATE PEACE.

Socialists Fear Such a Step Would Strengthen Imperialism in Central Powers.

Dispatches from Stockholm say Socialists of the central powers oppose a separate peace with Russia. They fear such a step may so strengthen the German imperialists that Germany's Socialism will be wiped out forcibly. Word to this effect was brought here today by international Socialist bureau officials.

The bureau is exerting pressure on both Russian and German Socialists against such a peace.

The central powers Socialists, it was stated, will call immediately a congress to discuss formal rejection of a separate peace.

Secretary Huysmans, of the international Socialist bureau, implored Philip Scheidemann, leader of the German majority Socialists now here to return to Berlin and oppose a separate peace.

Other German Socialists here told the United States Press today that their objection to a separate peace soon would be formally registered. Their opposition, it was stated, was "due to growing audacity expressed in the war aims of rulers of the central powers," added to the open boasting of the imperialist German press. Socialistic leaders are apprehensive that a peace with Russia might permit Germany to mass enough men for a victory on the west front, increasing the prestige of the militarists in Germany and giving them an opportunity utterly to crush out all German Socialism.

KAISER'S PEACE BLUFF.

Receive Information at Washington That He is Considering Another Offer in Near Future.

Information received here among neutral diplomats agrees with intimations from abroad that Germany is considering another offer of peace.

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Telegraph prints a long statement on war aims and peace policies formulated by the Parliamentary committee of the Trades Union Congress and executive of the Labor party, which is to be submitted for indorsement by all sections of the British labor movement at a conference at Westminster on December 28. The statement follows mainly the terms of a similar pronunciamento published and cabled abroad some months ago.

It declares that, in continuing the war, labor is actuated by a determination to make the world safe for democracy hereafter. No sympathy is expressed with attempts to convert the war into one of conquest, but the statement insists that restitution and reparation and also territorial readjustments are necessary if the renewal of armaments and war is to be avoided.

The statement puts at the forefront a demand for the restoration and rehabiliation of Belgium at the expense of Germany. It deals with Alsace-Lorraine, Italy, the Balkans, Poland, Turkey and German African colonies on lines similar to those suggested in earlier documents.

METHODICAL IN SUICIDE.

Banker Spread Overcoat on Snow Then Slashes Throat With Razor.

Chester, Pa., Dec. 19.—William J. Mullen, for years an employee of the Delaware County Trust Company, committed suicide Sunday night by slashing his throat with a razor, his body being discovered at 7 o'clock Monday morning, after members of his family and the police had hunted for him throughout the night.

Ill health is believed to have made Mullen despondent. He gave up his position a couple of weeks ago to undergo treatment for a nervous affection, and when he left home early last evening he told members of his family that he was going to see his physician. He did not make the call, however, going only a couple of squares from his home to end his life.

It is plain, the authorities says, that Mullen had contemplated suicide. He spent the greater part of Sunday arranging his business affairs, and in fact had been so engaged for several days past.

He had carefully spread his coat over the snow-covered ground, removed his collar and placed it near his side, and the razor with which he cut his throat had been closed after the deed was committed. The box from which the razor was taken had also been closed and placed beside his collar.

TAKES HOLIDAY RECESS.

Prohibition Passes in Senate—Orders New Investigations.

Congress closed down yesterday for a holiday vacation, leaving behind a series of investigations to proceed during the recess. Both houses adjourned until Thursday, January 3, when war legislation is to take the forefront of the calendar.

In the last day's business the Senate took final action toward submission to the States of a national prohibition amendment to the Constitution, ordered two new investigations into railroad legislation and the merchant shipbuilding situation and arranged for disposal of the coal and oil land leasing bill on January 7.

The House passed the resolution to remove doubt as to application of the new war-excess profits taxes to congressmen and arranged for renewal of the battle for woman suffrage on January 10.

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To make this order effective, and to relieve the dealer of the responsibility and difficulty of ascertaining the supply any consumer has on hand, it is arranged that an affidavit be furnished by the purchasers of coal in excess of one-half ton (this affidavit can be made by any member of the family over sixteen years of age.) These forms for making the affidavits will be in the hands of the dealers, and notaries and the affidavits will be taken without charge, by any one of the following notaries public, who have offered their services to aid the Commission in this work:

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NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION

TROUBLE IN LABOR CAMP.

Former Alexandrian Will be Called Upon to Explain His Course.

In union labor circles the entry of The Square Deal, the official journal of organized labor in Richmond, into the political fight of which the administrative board is the storm center, is the absorbing topic of conversation. Since the last two issues of the Square Deal came from the press, carrying arguments in defense of the administrative board's stewardship and advocating its retention a question of the right of the publisher and editor to conduct the paper and at the same time retain the title of "official journal of the Central trades and Labor Council" has been raised by the leaders in the union labor cause.

It is learned that a movement is on foot to call upon the central body to demand an explanation from Howard T. Colvin, editor. It is contemplated to call on him to explain why editorial matters in defense of the board and attacking the government reform movement, is accepted by by a high official, is accepted by him for publication, while a member of the board is an honorary member of the Central Trades and Labor Council; and he will be questioned regarding the employment of a non union man as a writer on the staff of the official journal of organized labor.

It is pointed out that the latter's writings have been of a political nature, designed, it appears, to promote the interests of the two members of the board whose terms expire next year and to discredit the Civic Association.

It is learned that the initial step toward establishing the status of Editor Colvin and his paper as the official representatives of organized labor may be in the form of a resolution to be offered at one of the union meetings this week, which resolution will put the case squarely before the central body, of which one of the city commissioners is an honorary member.

Colvin resided in Alexandria several years before moving to Richmond.

AIDS NATIONAL GUARD.

Has Conference With Secretary Baker in Effort to Have New Units Accepted Into Service.

Senator Martin, following a conference with the Secretary of War regarding the organization of additional National Guard units in Virginia, sent a telegram to Colonel Henry Lee Valentine and Arthur M. Cannon, at Richmond, saying that the secretary has taken the matter under advisement. The telegram reads as follows:

"We saw the Secretary of War Monday and discussed with him fully the situation regarding the additional units for the National Guard in Virginia, to be taken into the Federal service, and urged the matter as strongly as we possibly could. The secretary told us he would take it under consideration with members of his staff and reach an early decision and advise us as soon as possible. We let the telegram withdrawing the resignation of Sergeant Valentine remain as it was, as we did not wish to have his resignation accepted unless this company should certainly be accepted in the service. We have not spared and will not spare anything we can do, but we were not able to get any positive assurance."

MISSING GIRL SOUGHT.

Miss Julia McNulty, of Winchester, Disappears After Visiting Italian Shoe Repairer.

Winchester, Va., Dec. 19.—The police of this and adjoining States are being furnished with descriptions of Miss Julia McNulty, member of a well-known family, who mysteriously disappeared Friday. She was last seen with a girl friend at the Baltimore and Ohio station, since which all trace of the girl has been lost. Her mother, Mrs. Sadie McNulty, came here recently from Philadelphia, and is with her father, William Dunlop.

The authorities have discovered that the girl was at the shop of Sam Ensogna, an Italian shoe repairer, on Friday. She is fourteen years old, quite large for her age, has light hair and blue eyes and of attractive appearance. She wore a checked dress and Shepherd's plaid coat and black and red felt hat.

If the war is to be won, 25,000 cannon must be forged in American factories for ourselves and the allies, Medill McCormick told the Senate military affairs committee today, which is conducting the probe of the War Department.

TO JOIN REGULAR ARMY.

Transfer of 4,000 Camp Lee Men Occasion for Big Demonstration at Cantonment.

Camp Lee, Dec. 19.—Virginia's proportionate number of the 4,000 troops that are being transferred from the National Army at Camp Lee to the regular army entrained Monday and by yesterday had reached their destination. To the men that it and to those they left behind, as a sad event. For three months they have lived together, and many warm friendship has been formed that was cut by the necessity of the transfer of the men, who believed that they were to be together until the war was over.

"Good-by, pal I will meet you in Berlin," was the farewell words that accompanied the hand-shake of the men as they bid friends, new and old, good-by. In front of company barracks they formed, approximately thirty men from each company, and then by fours they formed one long line and marched "toward Germany." The Three Hundred and Seventeenth infantry band led the march through the company streets, and the cheers from the comrades of those who were leaving as they bid them "bon voyage" resounded over the camp.

As the men went toward the station, some one started the camp favorite, which is heard on all occasions and whenever the men march any distance, "And we'll all go to Germany, then God help Kaiser Bill" and the hundreds of voices took up the refrain. Frequently different songs were heard, but, as the last man entered the cars, it swung back into the favorite and the last words heard when the train rolled out was "God help Kaiser Bill."

NO SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Danville Churches Plan Rigid Economy of Fuel—Negroes Fight for Coke.

Danville, Va., Dec. 19.—The failure of the coal situation to improve has led to more rigid economy. It is proposed now to abandon Sunday night services and to hold morning service in the Sunday-school room in order that fuel may be saved.

Five hundred negroes became unruly in their attempts to secure coke orders Monday at the city gas office where each Monday the week's accumulation is disposed of, and the police were called. Three thousand bushels were quickly sold. The municipal coal yard has neither wood nor coal in it as yet.

FIRE IN BALTIMORE.

Big Clothing Establishment Burns Others Damaged by Water.

Baltimore, Dec. 19.—Fire which broke out in the five-story clothing establishment of Morris Brothers & Company in the heart of the wholesale district about 12:15 this morning, resulted in a loss estimated at close to $500,000.

Several large wholesale establishments suffered heavy loss by water and were threatened by flames. At 2:30 the fire department believed the fire was under control.

WANTS POWERS EXTENDED.

Prohibition Commissioner Files Report of First Year's Operations.

In addition to the results of prohibition, the annual report of J. Sidney Peters, the Commissioner of Prohibition for the State of Virginia indicates to be of immense and far-reaching in their significance, and to have netted the State unexpected benefits in the way of conservation of money and man power, the report contains recommendations from the commissioner to the General Assembly that the "quart a month" law be repealed, making the State in reality as dry as a desert bone; that all ardent spirits now in the possession of the courts be turned over to the commissioner of Prohibition, who shall be authorized to extract from them the alcohol for useful purposes; that all persons who have more than one quart which they bought before the prohibition law became effective, shall file a sworn statement to account for all the ardent spirits in is possession, and that all not so accounted for shall be regarded as contraband and seized by the commissioner; that the same rule apply to stills and appurtenances as to ardent spirits; that the venue of local warrants be extended over the whole of the State and be returnable to justices of the peace where the offense occurs; and, besides a number of others, that the appropriation of the State for the commission be increased from $50,000 to $100,000.

Mr. Peters also recommends that drunkenness be severely penalized.

CRUTCHFIELD'S DECISION.

Question of Licking up Liquor on Sidewalk Settled.

When is a man drinking in public when he is tipping the bottle to is lips or after he has just swallowed the liquor? In a new ruling, Justice Crutchfield decided this point in Richmond police court yesterday. Another question for which precedent was established was whether or not a man would be allowed to lie down in the street and lick up whisky from the sidewalk when he had dropped his bottle and broken it.

Although he was caught in the act of taking a drink of whisky, H. W. Dale was freed in police court of the charge of drinking in a public place. Justice Crutchfield held that the fact that a man was about to take a drink did not constitute a violation of the law. The liquor, he said, must actually pass his lips before the violation occurs.

TO GIVE AWAY SUGAR.

Broad Street Merchant Will Distribute Five Thousand Pounds.

Twenty-five hundred poor families of Richmond will receive sugar Friday. Five thousand pounds of the granular sweet have been purchased by the Associated Charities and will be given to the needy free of charge. Visitors for the association are distributing tickets in the nineteen districts of the city which will be honored for two pounds of sugar each when presented at the time named on the ticket.

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NEWS OF THE DAY

These facts are from authoriative albe served on President Wilson's table at the White House. But it is to be a gift to the President. It is a pound of butter that sold for that amount at a sale for the benefit of the Red Cross in Marble Rock, Ia. B. A. Davis, of Marble Rock, wrote the President that he was sending the butter, made by Mrs. C. E. Easterday, wife of the auctioneer who sold it.

At the head of "several thousand troops," former Premier Kerensky is reported in Swedish advices to be marching on Petrograd. The Bolsheviki, these dispatches add, have sent forces against him. The report is viewed with scepticism. Every day, since Lenine and Trotzky took hold at Petrograd, has brought a jumble of conflicting reports, many deliberately sent out to lure the allies into action of value to the Bolsheviki. Nothing would please the Bolsheviki better than open allied support of an anti-Bolsheviki movement, for Lenine and Trotzky would immediately tell the people the allies were trying to undo the armistice and peace work.

The marriage of the "millionaire kid of Peacock Alley," Mrs. Genemarried the young woman at Jackvieve Florence Hanan Brand, was yesterday annulled in New York upon the application of her husband James H. Brand, a wealthy cotton and munitions broker. When Brand sonville, Fla., in 1915, she represented herself, he declared, as a school girl. Testimony disclosed the fact that she had been twice married.

Heads of War Department bureaus who have been subjected to criticism were yesterday partially replaced by Secretary Baker. Brig. Gen. Wheeler is named acting chief of ordnance to succeed Gen. Crozier. Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals is recalled to active service and made acting quartermaster general to succeed General Sharpe. Brig. Gen. Barrett is named acting chief of coast artillery. Gen. Crozier has been under fire in theSenate Committee on Military Affairs. A report by the Surgeon General last night blames lack of cloth ing and crowded quarters for excessive death rates in four national army camps. The quartermaster's division is responsible for these supplies.

Spectacular developments have followed the latest shake-up in the Shipping Board. Ignoring the wishes of Rear Admiral Frederick R. Harris who resigned as general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation President Wilson has nominated Civil Engineer Charles Wellman Parks as chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks in the Navy Department. Admiral Harris had formerly held this post and in quitting the fleet corporation asked to get his old place back. Secretary Daniels had said earlier in the day that his wish would be granted.

Nineteen American seamen lost their lives when the United States submarine F-1 was rammed and sunk by the submarine F-3 during a fog in home waters Monday. Lieut. A. E. Montgomery, of Fort H. G. Wright, New York, in command of the vessel, was among the five survivors brought to port by the F-3, which was uninjred. It is presumed that the two submersibles were running on the surface when the accident occurred.

Information from an allied source has reached Washington that the Turks retiring from Jerusalem striped the Holy Sepulchre and other holy places of all of their most venerated objects. Hitherto it had been supposed that the holy places of Jerusalem had been left intact. A report to the State Department from Maj. Davis, United States military observer, who entered Jerusalem with the allied forces, said the buildings of Jerusalem were all safe.

Increases in wages for 75,000 locomotive firemen on all United States railroads were prepared yesterday in Chicago by committees headed by President W. S. Carter. They will be submitted to the firemen for endorsement. Instructions state the "vote is not on the question of a strike. The increase range from 10 per cent for the higher paid men to 40 per cent for those receiving $2.50 for 8 hours or 100 miles or less. All receiving more than the guarantees decided on want 10 per cent.

The Republic of Panama's official declaration of war against Austria was received and made public by the State Department yesterday. The resolution, passed by the national assembly on December 10, empowered the president to take all measures necessary to co-operate with the United States in the war against "the dominance of the world by the Teuton powers."

A NERVOUS WRECK

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SPECIAL NOTICES

To the Stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited:

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited will be held in the law office of J. K. M. Norton, esq., at No. 128 south Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 14th day of January, 1918, between the hours of one and two o'clock p. m., for the election of two directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Witness my hand at Westminster, Md., this 13th day of December, 1917.

Ralph S. Reifsnider, Secretary.
298-12t.

Notice.

The Alexandria Medical Society announces that on and after Jan. 1, 1918, the following fees will be the minimum charges made by its members:

Office visits $1.00 to $10 00; house visits $2.00; night visits $5.00; Consultations $5.00; obstetrics $25.00, extra for each mile beyond city limits $1.00 297-10t

Notice.

Having qualified as executrix of the estate Mrs. Louisa M. Pullin, I desire to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same for settlement. All owing said estate are requested to make prompt settlement.

Miss Ola Pullin, Executrix.
297-10t

Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia.

The annual Meeting of the stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria ,Virginia, on Monday, the 7th, of January, 1918, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered. The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 7th day of January.

W. M. Slater, President.
Albert Harper, Sec. and Treas
296-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the company No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria State of Virginia, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Charles D. Walcott, President.
A M. McLachlen, Secretary.
295-12t

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business of the Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria, State of Virginia on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918 at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Charles D Walcott, President.
A. M. McLachlen, Secretary.
295-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the Company No. 107 North Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, State of Virginia, on Tuesday January 8th, 1918, at 11 o'clock a. m.

A. M. McLachlen. President
John A. Massie, Treasurer.
295-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Alexandria National Bank
Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 1917.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M to 1 p. m.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier
295-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Citizens National Bank,
Alexandria, Va.,
Dec. 8th, 1917

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

Richard M. Green, Cashier.
294-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

December 8, 1917.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Alexandria, Va., will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.
295-25t.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

N. B.—Following schedule figures published only as information. Not guaranteed.

Trains leave Union Station, Alexandria:

4:27 a. m., Daily—Memphis Special. Sleeping cars and coaches for Lynchburg, Roanoke, Knoxville, hattanooga. Nashville, Memphis Washington sleeping cars open after 0:00 p. m. Dining car.

7.37 a. m., Local to Danville.

7:47 a. m., Daily—Local to Harisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

9:17 a. m., Daily—U. S. fast mail. oaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans. Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville Dining car.

9.37 a. m., Daily-Manassas Orange and Charlottesville and limited beyond to Atlanta. Coaches only.

4:02 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

4:22 p. m., Daily—Local to Charlottesville. Parlor car to Warrenton, daily except Sunday.

5:12 p. m., Daily—Birmingham Special Coaches and sleeping cars o Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car. Daily tourist car to California.

5:22 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local for Warrenton.

7:17 p. m., Daily—Augusta Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Sleeping cars to Asheville Dining car.

10:02 p. m., Daily—Washington & Chattanooga Limited (V.a Lynchburg). Coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, New Orleans. Dining car.

11:02 p. m. Daily—New York & New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to Atlanta and New Orleans. Sleeping car to Macon. Dining car.

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P. M.—12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40, 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40, 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55
Sunday and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5:00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 15, 7 30, 7 50, and 8 10 A. M and 11 55 P. M.
Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon.
A M.—Week Days—5 35, 6 55, 7 55, 8 55, 10 30, 11 30.—P. M.—12 30, 1 30, 2 30, 3 30, 4 30, 5 35, 6 40, 7 35, 8 32, 10 20, 11 50.
Sunday as above except 8 30 and 9 55 A. M and 11 50 P. M.

Washington Southern Ry.

Schedule in effect July 2, 1917.

For Washington and points north daily 8:08, 8:23, 8:33, 10.38, 10:45 a. m. 12:01, 1:28, 2:30, (through train for New York, via P. R. R.) 5:14, 5.53. 8:23, 11:33 p. m.

Saturdays only, 4:45 p. m., and Sundays only 8:08 p. m

For Fredericksburg Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:52 (local) and 47. a. m 12:16. 3:22. 3:32. 5:17 local) 7:02, 9:47 p. m. daily.

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